



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

WEBER *et al.*

Appl. No. 10/829,381

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For: **Novel Fluorogenic or Fluorescent Reporter Molecules and Their Applications for Whole-Cell Fluorescence Screening Assays for Caspases and Other Enzymes and the Use Thereof**

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Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying

this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.3.